

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 585

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michelle Newman on her selection as the 2017-2018 Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Newman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Newman has been selected as the 2017-2018 Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a teacher for twenty-five years, Mrs. Newman has taught fourth grade math and science for nine years; she previously taught at Lincoln Heights Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from East Tennessee State University, her Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee, and her Educational Specialist degree in Educational Administration and Instruction from Lincoln Memorial University; she also studied abroad at the University of London; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her field, Mrs. Newman serves on the Tennessee Science Instructional Materials Panel, and she is a Tennessee academic bias item reviewer for reading,

math, and science; she is also a member of the TNReady science teacher item review committee; and

WHEREAS, a principal designee, Michelle Newman is a new teacher mentor, grade-level team leader, and data team member; she is a member of the Hamblen County science textbook adoption committee and a science content leader; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Mrs. Newman is the current Tennessee Science Teachers Association Teacher of the Year for kindergarten through fourth grade, and she was selected to serve on the state's science textbook committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Newman truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Michelle Newman on being chosen as the 2017-2018 Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.